

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (Currently Amended) A first ~~[[An]]~~ image formation apparatus connected to at least a second ~~one other~~ image formation apparatus such that data communications can be executed between the image formation apparatuses, said first image formation apparatus comprising:

- a reading unit configured to read an image of a document;
- a printing unit configured to print the read image of the document;
- a display unit configured to display keys to select a function; and
- a controller configured to execute a link copy mode in which the read image is transferred to said second ~~other~~ image formation apparatus to share printing of the read image with the first image formation apparatus and said second ~~other~~ image formation apparatus, wherein the first image forming apparatus is configured to ~~not~~ display in a link copy mode only keys for a key to permit selection of usable functions ~~an unusable function~~ in the link copy mode after the link copy mode has been selected, the usable functions ~~unusable function~~ being functions ~~a function~~ which both ~~either~~ the first image formation apparatus and ~~[[or]]~~ the second ~~other~~ image formation apparatus are able ~~is unable~~ to execute.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended) The first image formation apparatus according to the claim 10, wherein the function comprises a staple function.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended) The first image formation apparatus according to the claim 10, wherein said first image formation apparatus is connected to said second ~~other~~ image formation apparatus peer to peer.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended) An image formation system having a link copy mode in which, of a plurality of image formation apparatuses connected to each other for enabling data communications, an image formation apparatus functioning as a master machine reads an image of a document to be copied, the read image is transferred to at least one other image formation apparatus functioning as a slave machine, and printing of the read image is shared by said master machine and said slave machine,

wherein each ~~said~~ slave machine is configured to report functions available in said slave machine to said master machine, and said master machine is configured to ~~not~~ display in a link copy mode only keys which ~~a key to~~ permit selection of usable functions ~~an unusable function~~ in the link copy mode after the link copy mode has been selected, usable functions ~~the unusable function~~ being functions ~~a function~~ which all of ~~either~~ the master machine and each ~~[[or the]]~~ slave machine are able ~~is unable~~ to execute.

Claim 14 (Previously Presented) The image formation system according to the claim 13, wherein the functions comprise a staple function.

Claim 15 (Previously Presented) The image formation system according to the claim 13, wherein said master machine is connected to the slave machine peer to peer.

Claims 16-140 (Canceled).